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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 13TH, 1890.

Although the Chinese Authorities have sys-
tematically shirked the obligation resting
upon them of removing the serious obstacle
to navigation presented by the Woosung Bar,
they have not openly and positively disclaimed it.
The necessity for dredging operations
being promptly commenced is evident to all observers, whether foreign or native, that
it would be a work of supererogation to point
out that the rapid silting up of the channel, if
not arrested, must soon render the Hwang-
poo unnavigable to ocean steamers. This is
a contingency that no resident of Shanghai,
interested in its trade and advancement, can
regard with equanimity, but it is; one the
Sin-pao (the mandarin organ in Shanghai)
can evidently face without any discomposure.
In a recent article on the subject, translated
by the *Courier*, the Sin-pao admits "that the
dredging of the river would be of
great advantage to foreign merchants." If
it were deepened, the largest steamers
would be able to go in or out as they
like, without the inconvenience of waiting
for the tide, or discharging cargo. If it were
widened, vessels would be able to go in and
out in the busiest times, without having to
make way for each other and without danger
of collision or stranding. But, continues
the exponent of official views, "the dredging
would be disadvantageous to China. For if
the river were widened and deepened, one of
her natural defences would be lost, a means
of keeping out an enemy would be gone, and
a post of importance would be at everybody's
mercy. A child, therefore, can see that the
interests of China and foreigners are directly
opposed, and that it is impossible for the
former to grant the favour requested by the
latter." Ergo, because the Woosung Bar is
a natural obstruction, which can be utilized
to prevent an enemy approaching Shanghai,
that great entrepot of foreign trade with China
is to be allowed to fall into decay just as a
port on the Liu river did on the silting up
of that waterway! The argument is all on
a piece with the evidently childish remarks
with which the writer of the article con-
cludes. "According to Western ideas," says
the Sin-pao, "man's skill and determination
are more than a match for Heaven. But in
China the country is governed in accordance
with the commands of Heaven. Reverent
obedience to Heaven is the rule in everything
which is undertaken. As Heaven wills, so
must it be. If Heaven ordains that in the
revolutions of the ages Woosung shall be-
come up thirty years after it was opened, it
is useless to fight against Heaven by trying
to dredge it. Heaven is not so important that
men can prevail against it." It would seem
that the Sin-pao is ignorant of one eminent
maxim which Western nations implicitly
believe in, namely, that Heaven helps those
who help themselves. Man was endowed
with understanding in order that he might
use it; he was created a reasoning being in
order that he might triumph over natural ob-
stacles by the force of his intellect. We are
not dumb, driven cattle to sit down before
felicities and plash the will of Heaven as an
excuse for our own crass indolence. Not ours is
it to calmly allow the forces of Nature to work
their way when it portends disaster and ruin
to ourselves. Wherever and whenever an
impending calamity can be averted by hu-
man ingenuity and labour, they should be
promptly called into requisition. Europeans
can have no sympathy with Oriental fatalism,
which has its chief root in lethargy and super-
stition. Western races believe rather in the
constant exercise of those faculties given to
them by the Creator, whereby such large por-
tions of the world have been reclaimed from
barrenness and sterility, the wilderness turned
into a garden, and Nature herself made sub-
servient to the well-being of man.We are informed that the steamship *Scorpio*
left Singapore for this port on the 10th instant.We learn that the *Messageries Maritimes*
steamer *Anday*, with the next outward French
mail, left Saigon at 5 p.m. and passed Cape St.
James on the 11th at 10.30 p.m. for this port.About three hundred men from the Russian
corvette *Rasboyne* were encamped on Mr. Hump-
reys' ground, British Kowloon, from Friday
until Monday. The *Rasboyne* left here for
Nagasaki yesterday.The Saigon *Evening News*, in writing on the
position of the Tonquin question in France, and
noticing two articles on the subject which have
appeared in *Le France* and the *Monde d'Or*,
says the latter maintains Spain in connection
with the matter, and is of opinion that power
would willingly take the place of France if al-
lowed. Germany is also mentioned in the same
connection.Messrs. Butterfield and Swire received the
following telegram from Aden yesterday:—"The
steamer *Juliet*, full of water, has been towed
into Aden by the steamer *Antenor*. All pas-
senger crew and cargo saved. The *Antenor*
left Singapore for Aden on the 5th July last
with a cargo of wheat bound for the tomb of
Paphos. The *Juliet* belongs to the *Amoy* firm
of Singapore."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A. Meeting of the Legislative Council was held
yesterday afternoon. There were present—
His EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR.
Hon. Sir JOHN SMALLEY, Chief Justice.
Hon. S. STANTON, Acting Colonial Secretary.
Hon. E. L. O'LEARY, Attorney-General.
Hon. M. S. TURNBULL, Acting Colonial
Treasurer.Hon. P. RYAN.
Hon. W. KESWICK.
Hon. J. M. PRICE.
Hon. N. COY.

PRISON DISCIPLINE.

His EXCELLENCE said—Gentlemen, our busi-
ness to-day is to consider the first reading
of certain bills. I desire to call upon the
friend the Attorney-General to submit to
your notice certain bills which come within
particularly within his department, but before
calling upon him I will ask your attention
to a bill entitled "An Ordinance enacted by
the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of
the Executive Council thereof" amend the
"Prison Discipline" Amendment Ordinance
1880," which I am sure you are all aware of.
The bill was read a first time.CHINA NOT TO BE FLOGGED FOR
REFUSING TO PUT OUT FIRE.The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—Your Excellency, I
have to ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend
Ordinance 9 of 1887. These are, I believe, only
four sections of that Ordinance now existing,
the remaining others having been re-
pealed from time to time. The Bill will be
best explained by reading the section it refers to
and explaining the alterations.Every person whomsoever required
by the Superintendent of Police to co-operate with
any fire brigade, whether consisting of volunteers or
any fire brigade, will be compelled to do so.

The estimate for 1887 is £10,000.

Well, I have the same we have obtained
this year, which I am sure is very like it.

The Bill will be read a first time.

THE ESTIMATES FOR 1888.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
to move the first reading of our estimates for
1888. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1888, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1887.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATES FOR 1889.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
to move the first reading of our estimates for
1889. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1889, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1888.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1890.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
to move the first reading of our estimates for
1890. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1890, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1889.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1891.

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1891. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1891, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1890.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1892.

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1892. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1892, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1891.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1893.

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the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
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I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1892.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1894.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
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1894. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1894, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1893.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1895.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
to move the first reading of our estimates for
1895. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1895, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1894.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1896.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
to move the first reading of our estimates for
1896. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1896, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1895.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1897.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
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1897. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1897, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1896.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1898.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
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the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1898, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1897.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1899.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
to move the first reading of our estimates for
1899. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1899, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1898.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1900.

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to move the first reading of our estimates for
1900. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1900, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1901.

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1901. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1901, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1902.

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the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
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those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1903.

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1903. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1903, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1904.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
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1904. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1904, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1905.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
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1905. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1905, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1906.

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1906. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1906, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1907.

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the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1907, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE ESTIMATE FOR 1908.

His EXCELLENCE—Now, gentlemen, I have
to move the first reading of our estimates for
1908. Owing to the activity of my hon. friend
the Superintendent of Police, I am able to
submit to you the estimates for 1908, which
I can assure you will be more accurate than
those for 1899.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE POSITION OF AUSTRIA.

An article in the July number of *Fraser's Magazine* by Mr. E. A. Freeman deals with "The Austrian Power" in its relation to the political questions affecting Europe generally. After a description of the component element of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, the following passage occurs: "What is proved is that the Austrian Power is in other hands different from those of the other two Powers. What its nature from the point of view of Power. What its place in the kind of language which is proved to be the tenth to all the other Powers becomes misleading when it is applied to Austria. Words like 'interest,' 'policy,' 'wishes' and the like, when applied to Austria, do not mean what they mean when applied to England or France. They do not mean the interest, the policy, the wishes, but simply the interest, the policy, the wishes of the common mass of the population of the empire, not of the nobility or of the classes of nations. And the speak of 'national feelings,' 'national independence,' 'national honour,' and the like, as applied to the Austrian Power, is not merely misleading—it is simple nonsense. There cannot be 'national feelings,' and the like, where there is no common nationality, and there is no common Austrian or A-Hungarian nationality. It may be assumed, in view of the present political position of Austria, that the possession of Trent, Trent itself may think otherwise. What the Magyar party are as national independence, the Serb and the Rouman may look on as national bondage."

THE STEAM SHIPPING TRADE.

The past half-year has closed for shipping at a much lower value than it opened. At the beginning of the year prices promised to maintain, if not advance, but big iron is not the only commodity which has fallen, and, in fact, all commodities could be made at about the same price as when they were current a year ago. The busiest yards are those capable of producing the very large type of vessel, of which many are being built, there can be no question that smaller yards, which are not so well equipped, will be forced to close, and must be likely to provide their fall output; should regular employment be obtainable for these vessels it will enable ocean traffic to be carried on at minimum freight, which will be a public boon. Certainly the shipping interest has been most enterprising to embark the large capital involved in these immense carriers, which require from £4,000 up to £8,000 per ton gross, and the principal shipping yards, both English and French, have had orders, but these have necessarily gone to those yards capable of undertaking large work; many of the yards adapted for more ordinary sized vessels are now idle, and contracts can be placed at very low prices. A considerable number of large vessels are being built of steel, but this material is not so generally adopted as might be expected, and the cost of the steel is not less than the cost of the iron, though capacity is proportionate to what she would carry if built of iron; it is viewed still as an experiment and not adopted by the ordinary cargo-vessel owners. Second-hand vessels have been difficult to dispose of, the prices asked for them are not proportionate to new ones, therefore it may be considered, with long exceptions, cheaper to build than to buy.

John White's *Clipper*, July 1st.

A STARTLING POINT OF LAW.

The *Adelaide Observer* gives the following account of a somewhat sensational law point which has been recently raised in the Law Courts of South Australia, and which may be of interest to our legislative and legal departments. The *Adelaide Observer* quotes: "Ordinance and all who may be entitled to get married under that Ordinance—At the sitting of the Criminal Court, Adelaide, on 25th ultimo before His Honour Mr. Justice Bonython, a law point of the gravest importance in affecting the validity of marriages celebrated in this colony since 1863 was raised by Mr. O. C. Kingston on behalf of his wife who was defrauded in a case of bigamy. The two marriages in question were both contracted prior to the notification of the Jury, who brought in a verdict of guilty. The point raised was insufficiency of proof of legal marriage with the first husband. In the ceremony, which was according to the ritual of the Church of England, the contracting party did not say, 'I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (A. B.) do take thee (C. D.) to be my lawfully wedded wife,' but substituted an express provision (section 29) in the Marriage Act of 1867. No such words are used in the Church of England service; the nearest approach to them are the words—'I (A. B.) take thee to be my wedded wife (or husband);' and Mr. Kingston submitted that they could not reasonably be taken to mean a valid marriage under the Act. It is evident that the society (28) of the same Act removed the difficulty created by the provision in question, by making registration conclusive evidence of the validity of all marriages; but that section was repealed by the Amending Act of 1869, the Legislature apparently overlooking the effect it might produce on marriages subsequently solemnized according to the ritual of the Church of England. His Honor was impressed with the difficulty of the question, and deferred it for the decision of the Full Court. It may be said, a question not only affecting domestic happiness in many homes, but one which affected property here and perhaps in England also. There was in it sufficient element of doubt, reason, and difficulty to warrant him in reserving the point. Under the circumstances of the case he postponed passing sentence on the woman, and adjourned the trial to the next day, the 26th of August. The woman's name was Elizabeth Susannah Homming, and she was charged under the surname of her first husband, Green. She appeared in the dock with an infant at her breast, the paternity of which her second husband disclaimed."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY, 12th August, 1880.

An advance of \$14 on the last given rates for New Patas and Benares has to be noted. Sales of Old Patas at \$15 to \$32.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1880.

SHAKES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—50 per cent. average—\$100 per share.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—1 share—\$100 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$225 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—Par (nominal).

Metropolitan Dock Company—Par (nominal).

Longkong, Canton, and Macao Steamship Co.'s Shares—\$22 per share premium.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 3 per share (nominal).

China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 100 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$350 per share.

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EXTRACTION.

A CHARM OF THE UNATTAINABLE.
BY ROBERT BROWNE.

Oh, who can paint her winsome face,
Proudest her charms, dearest her grace;
Who can depict her happy smile,
Her rosy cheek, free from guile,
Her cherry lips, her bevy'ry eyes,
Her hair that mock the bairns' dyes?—
But cruel fate ruptures another;
She is—she is—she is another!*

Her graceful figure, mostly crooked,
Her wavy hair, deeply cloaked,
Her bright eyes, her smiling face,
Her hair, beneath whose shading bairn
Her eyes look lovingly at him;
Her looks, her glances, her taper waist,
All, all are his! My! what a taste!
She can't have known my excellences,
Or else she must have lost her reason.
Ah, cruel fate! wretched lot!

There's one who's favoured—I am not;
In vain I sigh, lament, and pine,
I know she's his, and isn't mine.
How and in love these eyes and down!
On him she smites, on me she frowns,
Enthralled is the Czar's factor,
But not by me—she loves him better.
Yet why should I bemoan and weep,
With sorrows and groans, profoundly deep?
If she could not my virtue see,
Had not she liked him more than me,
I'd had no cause for discontent,
And things had been quite different.
I think my love had been a brother's
Had she not changed to be another.
—July.

A TREASURY OF DIAMONDS.

In the extensive collection of jewels and

valuable personal ornaments, largely dia-

monds and pearls, belonging to the late Mr.

M. J. Posso, diamond merchant, of Flushing

Citrus, sold by Messrs. Christie, Manson,

and Woods, under an order of the Court of

Chancery, in "Posto v. Posso," the follow-

ing were the most costly and beautiful of the

97 lots forming the sale:—A small collet

diamond necklace, 32 brilliants, about 34

carats, £320; a massive gold waist-belt, with

large diamond clasps, £300; a large diamond

bracelet, composed of seven large diamonds,

surrounded by small diamonds and roses,

£300; a large diamond cross, composed of 11

large brilliants, about 40 carats, £450; a

large pattern diamond necklace, £600; a

large necklace of 24 brilliants, 300 carats,

£1,700; a large diamond pendant, £300; a

gold and diamond chain and a gold watch

covered with large diamonds, £250; a fine

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necklace of 40 brilliants, 113 carats, £1,200;

a very choice pearl and diamond suite, of

bracelet, ring, earrings, and pendant, £380;

a pearl and diamond heart, £350; a large

diamond star, £350; a pair of earings, pearls

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pair of pearl cluster top and drop earings,

in star setting, £320; a pair of single-stone

diamond earpods, two brilliants,

about 17 carats, £500; a pair of emerald and

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